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SUBJECT: Concealment of Offensive Weapons in Cuba

TO: Director for Intelligence, Joint Staff

1. In reply to your memorandum of 3 December 1962, J2DM-294-62, same subject, please be advised that an evaluation on a continuing basis of all available and obtainable information regarding the presence of nuclear weapons and offensive delivery systems in Cuba is underway within DIA.
2. The numerous reports of concealment of missiles, nuclear weapons and/or related military equipment in caves, tunnels and wooded areas noted in your memorandum are being analyzed when received. Many of these reports are from refugee sources and have not been substantiated by firm evidence. Some such reports may have been fabricated for refugee propaganda purposes. There are many other reports, however, which cannot be confirmed or denied at this time.
3. With the information now available, therefore, we cannot be certain that there are no nuclear weapons and related delivery systems in Cuba. It is also felt that until on-site inspection is attained such weapons could be introduced without our knowledge.
4. DIA shares your concern in this matter and in order that the full intelligence effort may be brought to bear on this matter, DIA will insure that the matter is covered in the forthcoming NIE 85-63, Possible Developments with Respect to Cuba. In addition, DIA will publish evaluated information on the subject in the Bulletin, Summary, and Weekly Review of Developments in Cuba on a continuing basis as it develops.

SIGNED

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